



REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Town of Northfield.

1901-2.





ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
SELECTMEN,
Overseers of Poor and Assessors,
—OF THE—
Town of Northfield
TOGETHER WITH
Reports of the Treasurer, Collector, School Com-
mittee, Cemetery Commissioners, Library
Trustees and Librarian.
For the Year Ending Feb. 10
1902.

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Report of Selectmen.

With the advent of the year 1901, came the first of a succession of events that were of more than ordinary importance to the town, and have continued to retain the interest of our people to the present time. It is an infrequent occurrence for any town to be treated to the experience which has been accorded Northfield within the past twelve months. Early in January, 1901, the Central Vermont Railway Co. filed a petition with our legislature asking for permission to construct a new steel bridge across the Connecticut River, to be paid for and used jointly with the town. The kaleidoscopic changes with which this subject was brought to the attention of our citizens, are still fresh in their memory, and it is sufficient to say that the bill was killed in the Legislature. Coincident to this agitation a scheme for a separate bridge was being formulated, which was facilitated by Mr. Francis R. Schell in offering to pay for a bridge to be constructed as a memorial to his father.

The acceptance of this munificent offer necessitated that authority to construct must be obtained from the Legislature. By a suspension of rules this was effected on the day that the Legislature was prorogued. At a special town meeting held in September, Mr. Schell's offer was accepted, and a contract providing for the payment of construction was later executed. As the cost of this bridge will be about \$35,000, it is obvious that Northfield is under great obligations to its benefactor. The new bridge at Bennett's Meadow also came in for attention. The apportionment of the cost that was levied on Northfield being provided for by the issuance of \$30,000 town bonds, the money being secured and the bill paid early in October,

Highways came in for a large share of attention, and the liberality with which the voters met demands for money is an indication of the favor with which an appeal for good roads is made. The Massachusetts Highway Commission allotted \$4500 towards our state highway, to this the town added \$1500, to be used in co-operation with the state. Owing to the lateness of the season, work was deferred until spring. A petition for the laying of a new road from Main street in East Northfield across the Schell Memorial bridge to the road leading to South Vernon is now before the County Commissioners, and will be acted upon after the hearing in March. At a recent town meeting the layout of a new highway extending from the Winchester road near the Northfield Seminary to a point on School street near the late residence of Thomas Quinlan was accepted. The acceptance of this road was partly conditional upon the discontinuance of Highland Avenue between Holton and Dickinson streets. By the closing of this road Mr. Schell gives the town \$5000 toward the construction of the new. A contract between the town and Mr. Schell has been executed in accordance with the above provisions, and one payment has been made. A later petition for the extension of the new road from School street to Warwick Ave. is now before your selectmen. By those advocating this extension, the claim is made that this is the more important part of the new road, as it will not only subserve the convenience of the local travel, but will be largely used by traffic from districts lying east and south.

In conclusion we would call your attention to the financial condition of the town. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of nearly \$4300 on hand, while the selectmen's report shows assets in addition, making a total credit of \$6600. This fund is ample to meet the payment of \$1500 appropriated for state road, and will also pay the first bond and interest on the bridge bonds, so that apparently there is no demand for an increase in the tax rate to meet these expenses. It is intended to show a detailed statement of expenses in the different appropriations, so that further allusion to them is unnecessary.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
E. S. BARDWELL,		
J. L. HAMMOND,		

Town Warrant.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin—Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Northfield, on Monday, the third day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and out-standing committees, or act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also to bring in their ballots, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the Jury list as revised, or act thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans, or act thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$50 for Memorial day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by the G. A. R, Post, No. 171, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to apply on the town debt

Art. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$150 for the care and improvements of the cemeteries, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of "Old Home Week," or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will rescind the vote of January 4, 1902, by which it was voted to close that portion of Highland Avenue situate between Dickinson and Holton streets.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$125 for graveling Maple street, commencing at a point near Thomas Grace's, and extending to near William Reed's, also to relay the drain at corner of Main and Maple streets, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$600 to co-operate with the Mass. Highway Commission, for the completion of state road through Main street, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will accept the lay of new highway, extending from School street to Warwick Ave., as reported by the selectmen, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1550 for the payment of the interest and the first bond of the bridge debt, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Offices, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and at the School house district, No. 6, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
E. S. BARDWELL,	
J. L. HAMMOND,	

TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

WARREN J. WRIGHT.

SELECTMEN.

HENRY C. HOLTON, E. S. BARDWELL, J. L. HAMMOND.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. S. BARDWELL,	term expires 1902
MRS. N. M. WOOD,	" 1903
L. R. SMITH,	" 1904

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

REV. GEO. F. PIPER,	term expires 1902
MRS. R. K. CALDWELL,	" 1902
N. FAY SMITH,	" 1903
H. W. MONTAGUE,	" 1903
DR. N. P. WOOD,	" 1904
CHAS. H. GREEN,	" 1904

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

C. C. STEARNS,	term expires 1902
F. A. HILLIARD,	" 1903
R. E. DICKINSON,	" 1904

CONSTABLES.

MERRILL T. MOORE,	F. W. DOANE,
J. W. BLACK,	H. H. MASON.

COLLECTOR.

MERRILL T. MOORE.

AUDITORS.

C. H. WEBSTER,	ERNEST C. FIELD.
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FENCE VIEWERS.

F. E. HEALD,	J. R. COLTON,	HENRY C. HOLTON.
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TREE WARDEN.

F. W. DOANE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

H. H. MASON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

JOHN COUGHLIN,	FRED A. HOLTON,
F. W. RUGGLES,	J. J. FISHER.

POUND KEEPER.

C. R. POMEROY.

SURVEYORS.

A. A. PARK,	LEWIS FOWLER,
H. D. FIELD,	JOHN DALE,
C. R. NELSON,	S. J. TITUS.

FIRE WARDENS.

J. W. BLACK,	A. A. NEWTON,
JAS. WALL,	E. C. NASH.

GEO. W. PIPER.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$875,198 00
" personal estate,	88,500 00
Total valuation May 1st,	<u>\$963,698 00</u>
Number of polls,	461
persons assessed,	710
persons assessed on property,	567
persons assessed poll tax only,	143
resident tax payers,	430
horses assessed,	502
cows assessed,	644
sheep assessed,	208
neat cattle assessed,	385
swine assessed,	165
dwellings assessed,	440
acres of land assessed,	19696

ASSESSMENT FOR 1901.

State tax,	\$612 50
County tax,	2299 87

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools in general,	\$3050 00
repairs,	300 00
books supplies,	300 00
conveyance,	300 00
superintendent,	260 00
Contingent and poor,	4000 00
Highways,	2300 00
Library,	625 00
Memorial Day,	50 00

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Cemeteries,	150 00
So. Vernon road,	200 00
Hook and ladder room,	50 00
Main street macadam, (special)	1500 00
Connecticut River bridge,	1000 00
Overlay,	241 83

\$17,239 20

Raised on polls,	922 00
" personal estate,	1379 25
" real estate,	13,652 63
	\$15,953 88

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1000, \$15.60.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Assessors of Northfield-
E. S. BARDWELL,		
J. L. HAMMOND,		

JURY LIST FOR 1902.

F. A. Holton,
Joseph A. Ross,
F. J. Stockbridge,
Chas. L. Gilbert,
D. L. Preston,
J. Wesley Mann,
C. A. Randall,
F. B. Esterbrook,
C. I. Holton,
Oscar F. Durkee,
P. W. Preston,
Ozro D. Adams,
Fred H. Doolittle,
H. S. Stone,
F. H. Montague,
N. W. Keet,

Fred C. Britton,
Chas. L. Robbins,
Henry C. Holton,
Geo. E. Holton,
N. G. Hiliard,
Jas. W. Black,
Fred Irish,
John Callaghan,
Cola R. Nelson,
S. S. Fisher,
Fred L. Proctor,
John H. Dalton,
J. L. Hammond,
F. L. Tyler,
J. L. Dunnell,
W. M. Moore.

CONTINGENT.

E. S. Bardwell, selectman,	\$185 40	
expenses account bridge,	8 80	
		\$194 20
H. C. Holton, selectman,		101 25
J. L. Hammond, "		82 00
C. H. Webster, auditor,	4 50	
envelopes,	10 70	
insurance,	177 56	
affidavit,	4 30	
		\$197 06
A. W. Jones, books,		2 25
R. E. Dickinson, cemetery commissioners,		3 75
Mrs. N. M. Wood, school committee,		5 50
L. R. Smith, " "		28 00
C. C. Stearns, cemetery commissioner,	31 02	
election officers,	2 50	
		\$93 52
N. D. Alexander, registrar,		12 50
T. R. Callehder, "		12 50
F. J. Stockbridge, "		15 50
American Express Co.,		5 35
Gardner News, town reports,		89 60
Wm. S. Allen, court fees,		13 50
Hobbs & Warren, books and stationery,		6 75
C. T. Bagnell, printing and stationery,		12 50
Dr. A. L. Newton, cattle inspector,	14 75	
professional services,	1 00	
		\$15 75
F. V. Wood, livery,		10 25

P. B. Murphy, dog blanks,		1 75
Central Vermont Railway Co., freight,		60
F. W. Doane, constable,	8 50	
coal,	7 40	
	—	\$15 90
Allen Bros., dies,		6 20
Garfield & Sawyer, acid,		1 50
Caustic & Claffin, scale books,		3 50
Priest, Page & Co., weights and measures,		31 65
Dennison Mfg Co., seal tags,		1 50
H. R. Johnson, tax books,		1 06
J. L. Fairbanks, books,		5 75
M. T. Moore, constable,	37 62	
collection of taxes,	56 00	
dog warrant,	15 00	
abatement of taxes,	101 34	
discount on taxes,	451 16	
		661 12
Sheldon & Newcomb, lock,		1 35
Northfield Water Co., water,		6 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,		3 88
H. M. Dolbeare, stationery and printing,		3 46
H. H. Mason, driving hearse,	39 00	
care town clock,	15 00	
sealer weights and measures,	15 00	
care town hall,	28 00	
return of deaths,	4 50	
	—	\$101 50
H. K. Mulford Co., generator,	27 93	
formaldehyde,	3 35	
	—	\$31 28
E. Louise Bardwell, copy valuation,		5 00
Esther E. Shaw, “ “		9 00
Carter Ink Co., ink,		3 33
Mass. Cattle Commissioners, stamps,		5 25
J. W. Black, election officers,		2 50
F. B. Esterbrook, cattle inspector,		62 37
J. E. Ross, “ “		29 75
F. L. Tyler, election officer,		2 50

W. J. Wright, District Court fees,	106 23	
return of births,	8 75	
stamps and stationery,	15 04	
town treasurer,	256 04	
express charges,	5 75	
		\$391 81
Greenfield Recorder, stationery and printing,		14 60
Woodbury & Lesure, return of deaths,		7 00
N. W. Keet, labor,		1 75
E. J. Kelley, supplies,		8 98
C. W. Slate, wood,		4 00
Geo. W. Piper, fire warden,		25 25
J. W. Black, “		4 75
John Phelps, fire,		1 25
Thos Hart, “		1 25
Fred L. Hale, “		1 25
A. H. Holton, “		1 25
C. R. Pomeroy, “		1 25
O. E. Slate, “		1 25
H. B. Travis, “		1 25
Chas. Smith, “		1 25
A. Hicks, “		1 25
H. E. Ward, “		1 25
B. C. Ware, “		1 25
Harry Alderman, fire,		1 75
H. W. Russell, “		1 25
Frank Perould, “		1 25
Northfield Seminary, fire,		9 25
W. S. Hastings, “		1 25
Geo. W. Mason, “		1 25
F. L. Tyler, “		1 25
A. S. Stratton, “		1 25
F. B. Holton, “		1 25
H. C. Holton, wood,		12 00
Total contingent orders,		\$2,340 07
Less check returned, Carter Ink Co.,		2 50
		\$2,337 57

 TREE WARDEN.

P. P. Brigham, labor,	3 90
F. W. Doane, “	5 64
Herbert Reed, “	7 00
	\$16 54

MEMORIAL DAY.

G. A. R. Post 171,	50 00
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BENNETT'S MEADOW BRIDGE.

F. J. Demond, professional services,	5 00
Greene & Davenport, “	570 00
S. O. Lamb, copy of decree,	1 25
E. S. Bardwell, expenses,	86 55
The Bond Buyer, advertisement,	9 75
Wm. B. Dana Co., “	11 10
Boston Transcript, “	44 80
Storey, Thorndike and Palmer, professional services,	40 00
Frank Wood, printing bonds,	98 50
	\$866 95

HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK ROOM.

Franklin Co., lumber Co.,	12 10
J. A. Williams, “	2 00
F. I. Webster, cement,	10 15
Central Vermont Railway Co., freight,	2 45
H. H. Mason, labor,	20 85
	\$47 55

SCHELL MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

E. A. Hall & Son, advertising,	2 00
Greenfield Recorder, “	1 05
	\$3 05

NEW (SCHELL) HIGHWAY.

Clapp & Abercrombie, survey,	12 75
C. C. Morris, “	30 75
Smith & Reed, grade stakes,	2 35
	\$45 85

HIGHWAYS.

Frank Harness, labor	\$17 95
Jas. A. Ross, "	120 12
H. C. Holton, "	116 53
C. I. Holton, "	140 30
F. B. Holton, "	46 43
H. W. Bardwell, "	85 30
E. W. Smith, "	22 50
J. W. Black, "	4 55
F. W. Doane, "	155 60
H. L. King, "	3 30
A. B. Black, scraper points,	17 00
E. J. Kelley, supplies,	3 43
C. W. Holton, labor,	6 60
Frank Stebbins, "	3 00
Jas. Campbell, "	1 50
R. E. Long, "	206 00
F. W. Ruggles, "	26 25
N. G. Hillard, "	55
Robbins & Evans, supplies,	99
Wm. Smith, labor,	3 00
S. S. Fisher, "	51 55
Mt. Hermon school, labor,	7 00
Arthur Grout, "	1 00
J. J. Fisher, "	72 28
P. H. Johnson, "	1 95
H. H. Johnson, "	15 45
Wm. Ross, railing,	6 00
C. L. Gilbert, lumber,	2 25
Eber Thornton, labor and Gill ferry,	59 50
Oscar Wood, "	21 76
J. P. Aldrich, " "	8 00

Central Vermont Ry Co., freight,	40
E. S. Bardwell, labor,	7 90
Fred M. Ross, "	57 74
J. L. Hammond, "	88 35
L. W. Pratt, "	19 85
Thos. Quinlan, "	157 64
Jason Bump, "	3 00
Streeter Bros., "	1 30
J. L. Carroll, lumber,	48 00
Amos Bigelow, labor,	26 45
C. M. Baldwin, "	67 01
G. H. Baldwin, "	4 50
C. A. Randall, "	56 00
O. S. Davis, "	21 25
Walter Davis, "	4 50
Byron Gillett, "	14 70
Chas. Gillett, "	13 50
H. T. Hart, "	5 50
Frank Perould, "	1 50
Mrs. A. D. Stearns, gravel,	13 10
Mrs. E. M. Pierce, "	9 50
F. L. King, labor,	11 50
J. E. Ross, "	5 25
Herbert Doolittle, labor,	10 00
Fred H. Doolittle, "	3 50
L. C. Miller, "	18 45
C. W. Stratton, "	1 65
A. Whitaker, "	58 31
E. B. Murdock, "	22 00
Perley Stimpson, "	10 50
Henry Stimpson, "	22 75
Gazette & Courier, advertising,	1 50
A. Stratton, labor,	1 95
Wm. Bain, "	27 41
Jas. Wall, "	9 70
O. S. Fisher, "	6 85
F. H. Simonds, "	7 05
O. E. Slate, "	3 80

M. M. Shearer, "	6 42
F. H. Montague, labor,	13 32
Oren Darling, "	4 50
F. C. Britton, "	1 75
G. E. Holton, "	1 50
John Casey, "	3 70
Ernest Motchman, "	3 50
G. H. Lyman, "	90
F. H. Smith, "	3 00
F. A. Hilliard, "	5 95
M. T. Moore, "	2 50
W. S. Hastings, "	31 30
F. E. Aldrich, "	48 12
O. D. Adams, "	2 03
Geo. H. Slate. "	2 25
E. V. Burns, plank,	32 00
John M. Anderson, labor,	3 30
A. C. Holton, "	10 00
O. F. Durkee, "	6 20
Smith & Reed. lumber,	8 80
Geo. E. Murdock, labor,	5 27
C. E. Stearns, "	2 00
C. A. Parker, "	2 75
J. W. Mann, "	3 80
J. H. Dalton, "	3 15

WATER RENTS.

Northfield Water Co., water,	10 00
Elnora I. Thayer, "	5 00
E. C. Field, "	5 00

\$2,298 51

SOUTH VERNON ROAD.

F. W. Doane, labor,	21 00
R. E. Long, "	7 00
H. C. Holton, "	4 08
A. C. Hicks, "	9 30
John H. Dalton, "	19 05
Thos. Quinlan, "	18 55

W. B. Burrows, “	7 00
W. H. Aldrich, “	14 00
F. B. Holton, “	6 30
E. W. Smith, “	9 45
G. R. Clough, “	20 75
C. I. Holton, “	19 25
Charles Strange, “	7 00
Charles Aldrich, “	7 00
Wm. Smith, “	7 00
Wm. Leonard, “	10 25
Jas. Greenwood, “	7 00
Wm. Bain, “	8 50
	\$202 48

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CHARLES PARKER:

Board at Bridgewater,	\$86 40
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JONATHAN LYMAN:

Board at O. H. Doolittle's,	135 00
Dr. Newton, medical aid,	1 25
G. N. Kidder & Co., casket,	19 50
	155 75

JOHANNA DRISCOLL:

Board at O. H. Doolittle's	135 00
Dr. Mewton, medical aid,	17 50
Dr. Woodbury,	7 50
	160 00

ELECTA STRATTON:

Board at Mrs. J. E. Lincoln's,	60 00
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MRS. J. L. MAY:

Cash,	85 50
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JOHN CASEY AND FAMILY:

C. H. Green, rent,	15 00
Dr. Newton, medical aid,	75
	15 75

LYDIA PACKARD:

Board at Northampton Asylum,	169 46
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CHARLES LORD:

Board at Northampton Asylum,	169 46
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THEODOSIA WHITAKER:

Board at Northampton Asylum,	169 46
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MRS. GEO. DOOLITTLE, GREENFIELD:

Cash aid, 15 00

CHAS. A. PRATT:

Car fare and expenses, 3 00

WM. DALE:

Paid Dr. Newton, medical aid, 1 00

Cash aid, 13 75

14 75

ABRAHAM RICHARDS:

Paid town of Phillipston, aid, 144 00

" Athol, aid, 72 00

216 00

MRS. MARY MATTOON:

Paid Cora E. Field, rent, 42 00

Dr. Newton, medical aid, 3 00

Paid Jas. Wall, milk, 12 00

Paid cash, 30 00

87 00

DWIGHT COOK:

Cash aid, 37 50

Dr. Shaw, professional services, 11 40

48 90

ASA KENISTON AND FAMILY:

F. E. Atwood, meat, 2 75

J. L. Dunnell, grain and flour, 7 50

E. J. Kelley, provisions, 11 81

C. C. Stearns, clothing, 1 65

Dr. Wood, medical aid, 12 00

Car fare and livery, 5 05

Dr. Newton, medical aid, 4 25

H. H. Mason, burial N. Keniston, 2 50

47 51

M. A. DICKINSON:

Care of tramps, 29 75

H. B. ALLEN AND FAMILY:

Paid town of Warwick, aid, 34 43

ALVAH C. MARSH AND FAMILY:

L. C. Miller, board 26 43

E. J. Kelley, provisions, 2 44

J. L. Carroll, wood, 3 00

31 87

CHAS. SMITH, (state pauper),		
Paid F. L. Proctor, livery,	1 00	
O. H. Doolittle, board,	2 85	
Dr. Newton, medical aid,	3 00	
		6 85
TONY POLASCO:		
Dr. Newton, medical aid,		9 0
MARTIN DONOHUE:		
Town of Erving, aid,		20 00
MRS. C. KEMPLIN:		
Paid cash aid,		60 00
GARDNER COLLIER:		
Cash aid,	27 50	
Paid Central Vermont Ry Co., freight,	90	
Holden & Martin, shingles,	18 75	
S. S. Fisher, wood,	9 75	
Flora Bowman, nursing,	25 00	
Dr. Johnson, medical aid,	13 50	
E. J. Kelley, provisions,	17 09	
Robbins & Evans, provisions,	9 41	
		121 90
MRS. GEO. ABBOTT:		
Paid E. J. Kelley, clothing,	1 00	
Flora Bowman, nursing,	7 50	
		8 50
MARTHA WRIGHT:		
Paid F. W. Doane, coal,	42 96	
C. W. Slate, wood,	5 00	
Thos. Quinlan, "	6 00	
Lucy Fisher, labor,	260 53	
Harriet Arlin, "	19 00	
E. L. Saunders, labor,	2 75	
W. C. Reed, "	4 60	
Johanna O'Keefe, "	4 46	
Mrs. J. S. Ross, "	2 00	
H. W. Bardwell, "	3 00	
John Casey, "	2 25	
H. A. Powers, meat,	26 21	
D. L. Park, "	10 25	

E. J. Kelley, provisions,	102 53	
Jas. Wall, milk,	13 10	
Northfield Water Co.,	12 00	
		515 64
Total orders drawn account of Poor,		\$2,342 88

CREDIT.

Due from town of Ashby, 1902,	6 75	
Due from Martha Wright, "	516 64	
Due from state account Chas. Smith,	6 85	
Received from Dr. Johnson, account G. Coller,	3 00	
		\$533 24

Total expense of poor, \$1,809 64

STATE AID.

Daniel W. Burnham,	\$48 00
Gardner Coller,	54 00
Mrs. Gardner Coller,	48 00
Henry T. Hart,	48 00
Mrs. Roswell Stratton,	48 00
Mrs. Wm. Strange,	48 00
Nelson O. Wiley,	48 00
Geo. P. Field,	8 00
	\$350 00

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Mrs. J. L. May,	10 00
Mrs. Dwight Smith,	10 00
Misses Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	10 00
Miss Mary Field,	5 00
Mrs. Fayette Howard,	5 00
	\$40 00

HENRY C. HOLTON, } Overseers
 E. S. BARDWELL, } of
 J. L. HAMMOND, } Poor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1902.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank note,	\$800 00
Outstanding orders,	1060 19
Central Vermont Ry Co., bridge rent,	450 00
Henry C. Holton, selectman,	95 00
“ “ road supervisor,	31 25
E. S. Bardwell, selectman,	208 50
“ “ services account bridges,	35 00
J. L. Hammond, selectman,	86 50
Nellie M. Wood, school committee,	7 16
E. S. Bardwell, “ “	5 00
	\$2,778 60

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, town fund,	4,293 94
Due from town of Ashby,	6 75
“ city of Boston,	11 32
“ Martha Wright, 1900,	244 17
“ “ “ 1901,	516 64
“ M. T. Moore, 1900 tax,	1,274 58
“ “ “ 1901 tax,	3,036 83
	\$9,384 23
Balance favor of town,	6,605 63
Schell bridge fund on interest,	4,000 00
Total assets,	\$10,605 63

HENRY C. HOLTON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
E. S. BARDWELL,	
J. L. HAMMOND,	

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Orders issued on Town Treasurer since March 4, 1901,	\$14,485 88
Paid for contingent,	2340 07
highways,	2,298 51
poor,	2,342 88
hook and ladder truck room,	47 55
So. Vernon road repairs,	202 48
Connecticut River bridge,	866 95
Schell Memorial bridge,	3 05
new (Schell) highway,	45 85
schools,	5,436 41
library,	632 06
cemetery,	203 63
Memorial day,	50 00
tree warden,	16 54
	\$14,485 98

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREASURER.

	CR.
By balance from previous year's account,	\$ 2,420 13
By cash from L. R. Smith account, Supt. of Schools,	346 00
Town of Deerfield, account C. A. Pratt,	26 00
State Treasurer, account education,	84 50
Town of Gill, account ferries,	16 17
Town of Ashby, account A. Keniston,	42 21
State Treasurer, account inspection animals,	22 62
State Treasurer, account paupers,	6 00
J. L. Hammond, account J. L. May house sale,	75 00
Estabrook & Co., account sale Bridge bonds,	30,710 97
State Treasurer, account Corporation tax,	1,755 62
State Treasurer, account National Bank tax,	250 95
State Treasurer, account Military Aid,	21 00
State Treasurer, account State Aid,	374 00
A. G. Moody, account Schell Bridge fund,	4,000 00
E. S. Bardwell, account pasture rent,	8 00
Dr. F. E. Johnson, account M. Collier, (returned,)	3 00
F. Schell, account new road,	250 00
Interest Surplus Revenue,	64 00

Cemetery funds, account Pickard,	
Minot & Co.,	24 24
E. F. Howard, sale of school supplies,	2 26
State Treasurer, account Mass. School	
fund,	738 08
E.S. Bardwell, account Carter Ink Co.,	2 50
Franklin County National Bank, tem-	
porary loan,	5,900 00
Mrs. N. P. Wood, account tuition,	31 20
Wm. S. Allen, account District Court	
finer,	65 00
M. T. Moore, Coll., 1899 tax, (settled,)	325 04
M. T. Moore, Coll., 1900 tax,	1,742 29
M. T. Moore, Coll., 1901,	12,917 05
County Treasurer, Dog fund, (re-	
turned,)	167 37
Wm. M. Smead, Adm'r. account Geo.	
N. Clark,	20 00
C. C. Stearns, account cemeteries,	26 36
H. H. Mason, account rent Town	
Hall,	37 50
H. H. Mason, account Sealer of	
Weights,	6 35
E. S. Bardwell, account Cemetery	
funds,	6 16
M. T. Moore, Coll., interest 1897 tax,	20 67
M. T. Moore, Coll., interest 1898-99	
tax,	64 12
M. T. Moore, Coll., 1900 tax,	47 39
	\$62,619 35
	Dr.
To paid Selectmen's orders,	\$ 14,305 12
State Aid,	350 00
Franklin Co. National Bank, account tem-	
porary loans, (settled)	6,000 00
County of Franklin account Bennett's	
meadow bridge,	30,519 77
County of Franklin, account County tax,	2,299 87

Greenfield Savings Bank, account interest on town debt,	38 15
Greenfield Savings Bank, account endorse- ment on town note,	200 00
State Tax,	612 50
Cash on interest,	4,000 00
Cash on hand available,	4,293 94
	—————\$62,619 35

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Town Treasurer.

Northfield, Feb. 10, 1902.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

Interest due on 1897 tax,	\$	20 67
Interest due on 1898 tax,		37 74
Balance due on 1899 tax,		353 85
Balance due on 1900 tax,		2,082 09
Amount committed for collection, 1901,		15,953 88
		\$18,448 23

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer,	\$14,136 82
By amount uncollected 1900 tax,	1,274 58
By amount uncollected 1901 tax,	3,036 83
	\$18,448 23

MERRILL T. MOORE, Collector.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Sanford Thomas,	1899,	\$ 2 00
Geo. A. Abbott,	"	2 00
Herbert Holton,	"	2 00
Thos. F. Reed,	"	2 12
Jos. Sedloski,	"	2 00
W. A. Sheating,	"	2 00
Benj. Tenney,	"	2 00
Wells Field,	"	3 50
James Campbell,	"	2 00
H. W. Rankin, discount	"	2 29
Sarah and Nettie Field,	1900,	15 80
Chas. X. James,	"	11 48
Gardner Collier,	"	7 16
Mrs. Wm. Strange,	"	4 93
Philander Pierce,	1901,	15 10
Cora Moore,	"	7 80
Herbert Doolittle,	"	7 80
S. E. Walker,	"	3 12
J. L. Carroll,	"	6 24
		\$101 34

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1902.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Schools in general,	\$3,050 00
Repairs,	300 00
Text books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyance,	300 00
Superintendent,	260 00
Massachusetts school fund,	738 08
Income surplus revenue,	64 00
State Aid for supervision,	173 00
Dog fund,	167 37
Tuition,	84 50
	\$5,436 95

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Ernest Libby,	\$393 24
M. H. Paine,	133 32
J. F. Foster,	44 00
Anna E. Thompson,	143 00
Elizabeth Graham,	18 00
M. A. Goodell,	189 00
May I. Johnson,	130 00
Esther E. Shaw,	214 00
Georganna Ayres,	130 00
Lulu H. Allen,	7 20
Gertrude Nevins,	326 00
J. Ethel Leach,	30 00
Lottie E. Evans,	36 00
Kate Batchelder,	40 80
E. N. Fisher,	7 20

Polly Kershaw,	96 00	
Cora L. Whitcomb,	84 00	
Anna H. Dalton,	77 00	
Carrie R. Russell,	252 00	
Inez J. Winslow,	104 00	
A. L. Littlefield,	20 00	
A. M. Fenton,	210 00	
Minnie Dwight,	191 00	
A. H. Palmer,	252 00	
Grace Elliot,	168 00	
E. A. Barber,	42 00	
Nettie Olsen,	3 00	
		\$3,664 76

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT.

J. E. Warren,	164 89	
E. F. Howard,	200 00	
		\$364 89

TUITION.

Paid town of Greenfield,	\$60 00
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Central Vermont Ry Co., freight,	\$1 73	
A. G. Alley, ink,	1 50	
The Morse Co., books,	8 10	
American Express Co.,	1 95	
J. L. Hammett Co., books,	109 20	
Educational Publishing Co., books,	6 00	
E. E. Babb & Co., “	80 87	
Silver, Burdett & Co. “	75 55	
American Book Co., “	82 86	
D. C. Heath & Co., “	14 04	
Ginn & Co., “	46 77	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., “	3 24	
Houghton, Muffin & Co., “	1 04	
Watson Weed, maps,	2 96	
Novells, Ewer & Co., stationery,	16 51	
N. A. Olsen, supplies,	5 90	
E. J. Kelley, “	8 79	
Robbins & Evans, supplies,	13 31	
		\$480 32

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

C. R. Pomeroy, janitor,	\$128 20	
Thos. Ostrom, “	8 50	
Ernest Clough, “	4 00	
Lee Howard, “	3 50	
Richard Holton, “	2 00	
Clara Smith, “	9 50	
Lottie E. Evans, “	11 50	
Minnie Dwight, “	10 95	
Polly Kershaw, “	3 25	
Carrie R. Russell, “	11 30	
Ernest Warren, “	6 50	
Clifford Lyman, “	50	
Cora L. Whitecomb, “	4 20	
Walter Fairman, “	8 75	
A. M. Fenton, “	4 20	
Lewis Urban, “	3 85	
Mary Smith, cleaning,	4 30	
Mary Casey, “	7 30	
M. A. Dickinson, cleaning,	1 50	
Charles Mundi,	1 50	
	— — —	\$235 30

REPAIRS.

R. M. Snow, labor and material,	28 48	
J. W. Black, “ “	2 25	
W. D. Morgan, “ “	21 17	
Mrs. Holton, “ “	25	
Minnie E. Dwight,	1 50	
Smith & Reed, lumber,	1 83	
W. H. Holton, repairs,	2 85	
	— — —	\$58 33

FUEL.

C. W. Slate, wood,	\$25 50
C. I. Holton, “	18 00
F. W. Doane, coal,	79 65
Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	2 00
J. L. Hammond, “	8 50
H. W. Bardwell, “	3 75

NORTH EIGHT

F. W. Piper,	"	11 00	
J. A. Holland,	"	6 00	
F. H. Doolittle,	"	4 00	
H. D. Field,	"	3 00	
Thos. Quinlan,	"	14 00	
Thos. Ostrom, sawing wood,		50	
		—	\$175 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. E. Warren, expenses,	5 46	
E. L. Hildreth & Co., stationery,	4 00	
Northfield Water Co., water,	12 00	
Robert Strange, brooms,	65	
E. F. Howard, sundry items,	19 25	
	—	\$41 36

TRANSPORTATION.

T. R. Callender,	\$200 00	
S. L. Pike,	105 00	
Isaac Guilmette,	10 80	
W. A. Fellows,	18 00	
W. H. Browning,	15 75	
G. L. Dickinson,	6 00	
	—	\$355 55

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of teachers,	\$3,664 76	
" superintendent,	364 89	
Tuition,	60 00	
School supplies,	480 32	
Care of buildings,	235 30	
Repairs,	58 33	
Fuel,	175 90	
Miscellaneous,	41 36	
Conveyance,	355 55	
Balance unexpended,	54	
	—	\$5,436 95

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD:

In submitting the school report for the year ending Feb. 21, 1902, we respectfully refer you to Superintendent E. R. Howard's report, which gives you the general outline of the year's work done in the public schools of the town.

Superintendent J. E. Warren resigned his position, June 12th, to take effect July 7th. Mr. E. R. Howard, from the Charlemont district, was elected to succeed him. Several of our teachers have resigned during the year, and while we have been fortunate in securing efficient teachers to succeed them, yet these changes have had a tendency to detract from the best results in the school room. Contagious diseases have seriously interfered with the work in the Center schools, and also was the reason for closing the Kindergarten department early in September.

During the year that closed Feb. 21, 1901, manual training was introduced into some of the schools as an experiment, the expense being very small. The instruction was given by Miss Grace Elliott, special teacher in drawing, and Miss Waite from the training school, gratuitously, that they might benefit from the experience. This year so great an outlay was necessary for the equipment and instruction that the committee decided to abandon further work for the present.

The school houses are in good condition, the usual incidental repairs having been made during the year.

Transportation has been furnished for the children in districts Nos. 3 and 6 and a portion of the time for children in districts Nos. 4 and 7.

CALENDAR FOR 1902-1903.

Spring term,	13 weeks,	begins March 24,	closes June 20
Fall term,	15 weeks,	begins Sept. 2,	closes Dec. 19

With a recess from Nov. 21 to Dec. 1.

Winter term,	8 weeks,	begins Dec. 29,	closes Feb. 20, 1903
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We recommend for the coming year: For teaching, supervision, care of buildings and fuel, \$3,100.00; for repairs, \$300.00; for books and supplies, \$300.00; for conveyance of pupils, \$300.00.

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee.
NELLIE M. WOOD,		
E. S. BARDWELL,		

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD:

I have the honor to submit my first report, it being the seventh in this series.

Population of the town according to the last census, 1966.

Number of persons in the town of Northfield, Sept. 1, 1901, between five and fifteen years of age; males, 117; females, 127;—244.

Number of persons in the town of Northfield, Sept. 1, 1901, between seven and fourteen years of age; males, 84; females, 85—169.

Number of different pupils of all ages in the schools during the school year ending June, 1901, 311.

Number attending during the school year under five years of age, 22.

Number attending during the school year over fifteen years of age, 35.

Number attending during the school year between seven and fourteen years of age, 183.

Number attending between five and fifteen, 267.

Average membership of all the public schools, 218.3.

Average attendance of all the public schools, 201.

The per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, 92.

Number of schools, 10.

Whole number of different teachers employed during the year, 14.

Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools, 9.

Number of special teachers, 2.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

For the School Year Ending in June 1901.

School	Number of Weeks	Total Attendance	Number Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
Grammar	36	38	36	19.9	17.7	90
Intermediate	36	43	39	26.4	26	98
Primary	36	43	43	33.1	32	97
Kindergarten	25	35	31	20.4	17.1	83
East	36	39	38	36.4	34.3	94
Farms	36	32	30	23.3	21.7	93
Number 5	30	16	14	11.6	9.6	83
Number 6	36	9	9	8.2	7.3	90
West	36	32	32	20.8	18.6	90
Number 9	36	24	23	18.2	16.7	92
Totals	343	311	295	218.3	201	92

Names of Teachers.

Grammar, Ernest Libby, graduate of Bridgewater State Normal School.

Intermediate, A. E. Thompson, graduate of Salem State Normal School.

Primary, M. I. Johnson, graduate of Fitchburg State Normal School.

Kindergarten, Georgiana Ayers, graduate of Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School.

East Northfield, Gertrude Nevins, graduate of Westfield State Normal School.

Number 6, Polly Kershaw, graduate of Bridgewater State Normal School.

Number 5, M. M. Carnes, graduate of Salem State Normal School, K. M. Batchelder, graduate of Hampton, N. H., High School, Minnie E. Dwight, graduate of Arms Academy.

West Northfield, J. I. Laythe, graduate of Fitchburg State Normal School, Inez J. Winslow, graduate of Johnson (Vt.) State Normal School.

Northfield Farms, Lottie E. Evans, graduate of Northfield Seminary.

Number 9, Carrie R. Russell, Northfield Seminary.

Roll of Honor.

The pupils whose names are mentioned below have neither been absent nor tardy for the number of terms indicated during the school year ending June, 1901.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

David Dale, 2.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Mary Dale 2, L. May Marcelle 2, Marguerite F. Stevens 1, Edward Kelley 2, Gertrude F. Atwood 1, Willie Dale 1, Mary E. Dalton 2, Marion E. Webster 1.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Wallace Clark 2, Helen Clark 2, Minora Chamberlin 2, Katherine Dale 3, Mary Gubold 3, Mary Sloane 1, Mary Briggs 1, Harold Black 1, Nellie Casey 1, Dorothy Clapp 1, Clifford Chamberlin 1, Marion E. Webster 2, Willie Dale 2, Chester Aldrich 1, Mary Aldrich 1.

KINDERGARTEN.

Ruby Simonds 1, James Shea 1, Margaret Dale 1.

EAST NORTHFIELD.

Marjorie Waite 1, Ralph Doane 1, Lilian Newton 1, Lee Howard 1.

NORTHFIELD FARMS.

Elsie M. Banks 3, Ethel M. Carroll 3, Bessie L. Hammond 2, Adella M. Howes 1, Murray M. Hammond 2, Florence M. Carroll 2, Gertrude P. Howes 1, John L. Banks 1, Ethel F. Jackson 1, Florence M. Park 3, Ruby A. Park 3, Helen R. Sprague 1.

NUMBER FIVE.

Herman B. Fisher 1.

NUMBER SIX.

David Pollock 3, Ernest Smith 3, Lewis Urban 2.

WEST NORTHFIELD.

Willie M. Hilliard 2, Alfred E. Holton 2, Walter Fairman 2.

NUMBER NINE.

Ethel L. Dresser 3, E. Myrtle Dresser 3, Harold F. Bigelow 3, Warren C. Keniston 1, Willie W. Bigelow 2, William H. Dresser 2, Elsie A. Holton 1, Florence J. Holton 1, Edwin A. Bigelow 1, Leon A. Randall 1.

Northfield Schools.

Conditions have been such in this town since your present superintendent took charge of the schools that it has been impossible to secure satisfactory work in all the schools of the town. Especially has this been the case in the center schools where the necessity has risen for making several changes in the teaching corps, and also of suspending the schools for a time because of the outbreak of disease among the pupils. Irregularity of attendance has naturally resulted from this misfortune, not only in the cases of those families that were direct sufferers, but also from others who feared the spread of the contagion from association with those who might be able to communicate it. There was much absence that was probably unnecessary, yet no one can be censured for taking every precaution that parental affection could suggest.

Four weeks were lost by the primary school during the fall term, and two by the intermediate and grammar schools. The time lost by the two latter will be entirely made up, and also two weeks lost by the primary schools. The work of the year will fall a little short of completion because of the interruptions mentioned, and also because of the irregularity of the attendance of those who have not actually left school. An effort will be made to have this deficiency as slight as possible and it is hoped that no serious injury will result.

The kindergarten was discontinued temporarily when the outbreak of scarlet fever occurred. It was believed that so few would attend that results would not justify the expense. This portion of the school work will probably be resumed at the usual time in the spring.

The work of the schools at East Northfield, West Northfield and Number 9 is less efficient than it might be if there were a smaller number of classes in each. At present there is no well understood

regulation as to when pupils shall complete the work offered in these schools and enter the schools at the Center, but the pupils acting in accordance with their own wish or convenience, seem to pass out irregularly and unsystematically, some going to the Center and others to the Seminary, or to Mt. Hermon. While it is seldom that pupils remain in these schools much longer than until they have reached the seventh grade, there is no custom of limiting the work to grades below the seventh. If this can be done, the results will be distinctly favorable to the school work below that grade, and there will also be a corresponding strengthening of the work in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, all of which could then be done for these districts at the Center. It is true that this would make it necessary for pupils above the sixth grade to walk some distance to school; the age of the pupils would, however, render this much less a hardship than it would be in the case of younger pupils. That the hardship is not great seems to be proved by the fact that several pupils from each of these districts now voluntarily walk to the Center to attend the Grammar School.

Special Teachers.

The work of the special teachers has been continued as heretofore, except that the work done in sewing and manual training has been discontinued. If the financial conditions are such that the manual training and sewing can not be done unless the work is contributed by teachers and pupils of the Training School without pay, it can not be placed upon a sufficiently permanent basis to commend it as a portion of our school work. If, however, a suitable portion of the school money can be set apart for this purpose, the work can be continued with success.

The work in singing and in drawing has been continued with the usual good results. The town has been fortunate in retaining the services of Miss A. H. Palmer as special teacher of singing, and all who have had any opportunity to judge, willingly bear testimony to her skill and appreciate her excellent work.

At the close of the fall term, Miss Grace Elliott, teacher of drawing, resigned her position to take a more desirable one near Boston. She was succeeded by Miss Edith A. Barber, who seems well qualified for the position. The towns of Hinsdale, N. H., and Williamsburg, Mass., are now united with Northfield, Gill and Warwick in employing Miss Barber, and there is a prospect that other additions may be made to this number soon. It is hoped that a sufficient number of towns may become interested in the work of both Miss Palmer and Miss Barber to make it possible for their services to be retained for an indefinite period.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

During the year just closed, the schools have been supplied with a new series of text books on physiology and hygiene. This series was selected with special reference to its adaptability for the instruction in scientific temperance required by law, and it is the purpose of your

superintendent to have this work re-arranged and strengthened immediately upon the opening of the spring term. An equipment has also been provided for introducing mechanical drawing in the higher grades. This work is in line with the other work in drawing and will be under the direction of the special teacher. The feeling is strong among educators that the utilitarian side of drawing should not be sacrificed to the artistic; hence, mechanical drawing is placed side by side with free-hand in order that training in both may be received, thus developing the practical impulse of the child as well as the purely esthetic taste.

Many of the books now in use should be replaced by new ones or by those less dilapidated, and it is necessary to add constantly to the supply of all material for consumption. This will always be a *considerable* but a *wise* expense. Great curtailment would be dangerous to the schools. Generosity in this department aids greatly in making good schools.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

With every step of progress in one direction, the necessity of progress in another becomes apparent. With the effort to keep our teaching force and our equipment up to the standard set by other towns of our magnitude and wealth, there is need of effort to increase the comfort and convenience of our school buildings. The buildings are sufficiently large for the accommodation of our pupils, but they lack the means of heating and ventilation and of sanitation that are desirable to make them a credit to the town. Especially is this true of the building at East Northfield. The number of pupils in this school is large, and the number seems likely to increase rather than to decrease in the future. The building is old, poorly arranged, has poor and unsatisfactory heating facilities, no ventilation except by doors and windows and its sanitation is very unsatisfactory. The school should be divided into two departments if seventh and eighth grade work is to be even attempted, but this is impossible until a suitable building is provided.

The other school buildings, with slight repairs each year as they are required answer their purpose very well except that much difficulty with reference to heating is experienced at West Northfield. The sanitation of all is such that careful attention to the conditions existing should be given by committee and teachers; a faithful and competent

janitor can do much to keep even a poor sanitation from becoming a positive nuisance. No pains nor expense should be spared to secure the most careful management of all the details of school house care which are vital to the health and comfort of the children. Neglect of the outhouses should not be tolerated. In this matter country schools are justly to be criticised. One reason is the difficulty of securing efficient janitors for the wages paid.

ATTENDANCE.

While it is true that this year must, of necessity, show a falling off in the per cent of attendance for reasons beyond the control of parents, it is also true that there has been considerable absence that seems to have been neither necessary nor excusable. It is easy to fall into the habit of irregularity of attendance or into the habit, still more vicious, of appearing at school after the hour for beginning. The attention of all interested in the success of any pupil in his school work is respectfully called to the error of permitting a young person to acquire the habit of attending school in a desultory manner. It not only injures him educationally, but it inculcates a habit of carelessness that is likely to become a permanent acquisition of character and hinder his success through life. It breaks up the school work and does a lasting injury to the rest of the scholars by hindering their progress. It does an injury to the town by preventing the records of school attendance from reaching a point creditable to it as compared with the record of other towns in the State. It defeats the full accomplishment of the results sought by the town in making school appropriations, and causes a partial waste of the energy of committee, school teachers, and other school officials. To prevent these undesirable results, the efforts of all who can aid us should be earnestly directed.

CONCLUSION.

It is the purpose of your superintendent to give his best efforts for the accomplishment of the following results:

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school.

Good habits of decorum and of deportment while at school.

Instruction and government of the best quality within reach.

Methods of instruction and management sanctioned by the best educators.

Teachers of training and ability—the best obtainable.

A course of study that will prepare pupils well for secondary work in the Seminary, at Mount Hermon, or at any other secondary school.

The maintenance of the highest grade of work in the public schools that the people will support.

It is with gratitude to the committee, to the teachers, and to the people of Northfield for the cordiality with which they have received me into their midst, and for their co-operation with me in my work that I respectfully submit my first report.

ELMER F. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

We herewith submit for your consideration our report for the past year.

The several cemeteries have had their usual care and we find that the amount appropriated is just about sufficient to meet these needs, and would recommend that the same amount (\$150.00) be appropriated for the coming year.

We have put some money into grading the addition to the cemetery at the Centre, that we received from sale of lots and shall expend more in putting on a good coating of loam and seeding it down, this we hope to do early as we have had many applications for lots in this addition. There are also improvements we desire to make in the cemeteries west of the river and also at the farms.

We have on hand from sale of lots at the Centre,	\$ 52 44
Farms,	111 30
West Northfield,	13 75

We also have a number of deeds on hand ready for delivery and would ask those that have taken up these lots to come forward and get their deeds.

Paid for work as follows:

James Crelan,	\$ 2 55
Henry W. Russell,	2 68
Charles Pratt,	1 05
Charles R. Pomeroy,	1 05
Robert Thomas,	4 50
E. S. Ashcraft,	1 00
E. H. Whitcomb,	7 58
H. L. King,	2 60
Ward Holton,	6 75
John Coughlin,	6 80
Ben Tenny,	19 05

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John Grace,	10 80	
John Pratt,	12 15	
Charles Smith,	22 80	
Thomas Quinlan,	41 25	
Frank B. Holton,	7 50	
C. C. Stearns,	3 25	
Frank Harness,	5 50	
Henry C. Holton,	2 00	
R. E. Dickinson,	2 00	
Arad Stratton,	9 00	
F. A. Hilliard,	4 50	
		\$176 36
Care of private lots,		27 27
		\$203 63
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Private lots,	27 27	
Account sale of lots at Centre,	26 36	
		\$203 63

FREEMAN A. HILLIARD, } Cemetery
 CHARLES C. STEARNS, } Commissioners
 ROSWELL E. DICKINSON, }

Report of Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library.

The Library Trustees submit the following report for the current year:

We are pleased to record the constant interest in the welfare of the Library of its donor, Mr. E. M. Dickinson. During the present year his visits to the Library have been frequent and his suggestions to the trustees have been helpful. He has presented to the Library an original petition to King George, bearing signatures which are familiar family names in Northfield. This petition presents a fine exhibition of penmanship which is rarely equalled today, and it is also valuable as an historical document. It is neatly framed and makes an attractive addition to the walls of the reference room. Mr. Dickinson has also presented a collection of coins in a case, which are unique and valuable to those interested in the study of coinage. He has also given petrified woods and other curiosities.

Mrs. D. L. Moody has presented to the library a beautiful life size portrait of the late D. L. Moody. This is appropriately framed and hung in the reading room.

Gifts to the library by others are as follows, viz: By Roswell E. Dickinson, eight dollars Continental money, 1778; brick from the old Dickinson fort; piece of the original stone which marked the spot where Nathaniel Dickinson was killed by the Indians; an old flip iron: By John Wentworth, an old flint lock gun and an old pitchfork: By Mrs. B. F. Field, old spectacles: By Miss Stone of Lexington, an old bell: By H. W. Rankin, three pictures, viz.: Portraits of Emerson and Lowell and a picture of the Old Manse at Concord: Two pictures without frames.

The articles above mentioned are helping to make the walls of our Library and the relic room interesting and attractive. It is hoped that interest in these things will be fostered by every one interested in the Library, and thus help to increase our pictures and relics.

You are referred to the reports of the Book Committee and Librarian for facts regarding books and periodicals purchased and the circulation of the same.

The accompanying financial report indicates the uses to which the appropriation for the current year has been put. When the library was first opened, an appropriation for \$2,000 was made by the town for furnishing it. In the judgment of the trustees this money could not all be used to advantage in one year and in fact has not yet been expended for this purpose. The town treasurer refuses to keep a separate open account of this appropriation, hence a portion of it has reverted to the town treasury. Your trustees recommend an appropriation of \$825, for the year ensuing for the following purposes, viz: \$625 for the usual current expenses, and \$200 to be used for library furnishings.

Library Current Expense Report.

Pliny Cutting, sawing wood,	\$ 15 00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	111 02
Current History Co., books,	2 50
Library Bureau, binders,	6 40
Library Art Club, yearly dues,	5 00
W. H. White, binding books,	9 75
C. A. Nichols, supplies,	6 00
F. W. Doane, cartage,	3 30
Union Carbide Co., carbide,	37 50
C. V. R. R., freight,	2 09
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	31 85
E. L. Hildreth & Co., printing,	2 00
Northfield Water Co.,	6 00
Throp & Martin, supplies,	1 65
G. L. Dickinson, books,	2 00
H. D. Field, wood,	4 00
H. W. Montague, Farms Library,	20 00
F. J. Stockbridge, Janitor,	150 00
Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge Librarian,	150 00
Total current expenses,	\$566 06

Library Furnishing Account.

Jas. T. Cummings, work on tables,	\$ 5 00
Daniels & Johnson, show cases,	61 00
	\$ 66 00
Total,	\$632 06

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Report of the Librarian.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 8, 1902.

Number volumes in library last report,	4,586
Number purchased past year,	115
Number presented past year,	92

Total,	4,793
Number families patrons of library,	219
Number individuals not connected with families,	102
Families from surrounding towns taking books,	1
Number visitors taking books,	25
Number of books taken by families,	8,598
Number books taken by public schools,	251
Number books taken by visitors,	168
Number of magazines taken,	1216

Total,	10,233
Amount of fines collected,	\$22 70
Received from families out of town,	1 00
Received for carbide sold,	1 25
Found in book,	1 00

	\$25 95
Amount paid for incidentals,	20 24

Balance,	\$5 71
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MRS. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE, Librarian.

Report of the Book Committee.

The report of the Librarian is so full that the book committee needs to say but little concerning the condition and patronage of the library. During the year books were given by the following persons to whom thanks are hereby rendered: Mrs. E. F. Sias 23; Mrs. D. L. Moody, 18; Mrs. John Morgan 6; E. M. Dickinson, 4; W. F. Adams, 4; Marshall Field, 2; E. S. Chapin, 2; Miss Kingman 2; Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, Godfrey Sweven, David Farquar, and the family of the late ex-Governor Haile, 1 each. The state of Massachusetts also presented the library with 17 books, the United States with 5, and the society of the Sons of the Revolution with 1.

The reading room is supplied by subscription with the following periodicals, 14 in number: Review of Reviews, New England Magazine, Harper's, Scribner's, Century, Atlantic Monthly, McClure's, St. Nicholas, Ladies' Home Journal, Success, Youth's Companion, Outlook, Independent and Springfield Weekly Republican. Thirteen others are regularly given, and thanks for them are hereby extended to the donors: The Congregationalist, Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander; The Pilot, James Wall; The Christian Register; The Young People's Guild; The Missionary Review, D. L. Pierson; Illustrated London News, Miss Fannie Field; Record of Christian Work, W. R. Moody; Union Signal, The Northfield Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Christian Science Sentinel and Christian Science Journal, Charles A. Maynard; Our Dumb Animals, Rev. Geo. F. Piper; Advocate of Peace, American Peace Society; Paradise of the Pacific and League of American Wheelmen, donors unknown.

The Librarian has counted the number of readers in the reading room for eleven months, ending Feb. 1, and finds that there has been an average of 36 a week, or 12 a day on the days the library has been open.

GEO. F. PIPER, MRS. M. A. CALDWELL, N. FAY SMITH,	}	Book Committee.
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Report of the Book Committee

The report of the Committee on the Book Committee, organized by the Board of Trustees, is hereby submitted. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the interest and assistance of the Board of Trustees in the work of the Committee. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the interest and assistance of the Board of Trustees in the work of the Committee. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the interest and assistance of the Board of Trustees in the work of the Committee.

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